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ABSTRACT

1. This report describes the major road network in north-central Cambodia. The report contains text and a map and is based on photography from [REDACTED]

BASIC DESCRIPTION

2. Increased road construction in north-central Cambodia since 1954 has included the building of new roads and the realignment or resurfacing of existing roads. Now, all major Cambodian population centers are connected by good motorable roads.

3. The present network west of the Mekong River can be divided into two systems, Route 12 and Route 6 (Figure 1). The Route 12 system supports east-west traffic from the Mekong River to the Chhep Kandal and Putrea Chas regions and north-south traffic from Kompong Sralau, on the Laotian border, to Route 6. The Route 6 system supports north-south traffic from Ban Pnai, on the Thailand border, to the Putrea Chas region and east-west traffic from Chhep Kandal to the Samrong and Siem Reap areas. A triangular area bounded by the towns of Thbeng Meanchey, Putrea Chas, and Chhep Kandal is formed by the convergence of these two systems. Most of the traffic from the Laotian border or the Mekong River passes through this area.

4. However, since any road segment in the central region can be bypassed on an existing route, interdiction of this network would probably be ineffective. In addition, the terrain along the roads is generally flat with sparse ground vegetation and is open to cross-country travel.

5. No vehicular traffic was observed on any route in this region on photography from [REDACTED]. Also, the northern segment of Route 68, on the Thailand border, had been realigned and a possible STOL site was under construction. Two bridges on Route 12 had been destroyed, probably by ground teams, and Route 69 had apparently undergone recent improvements.

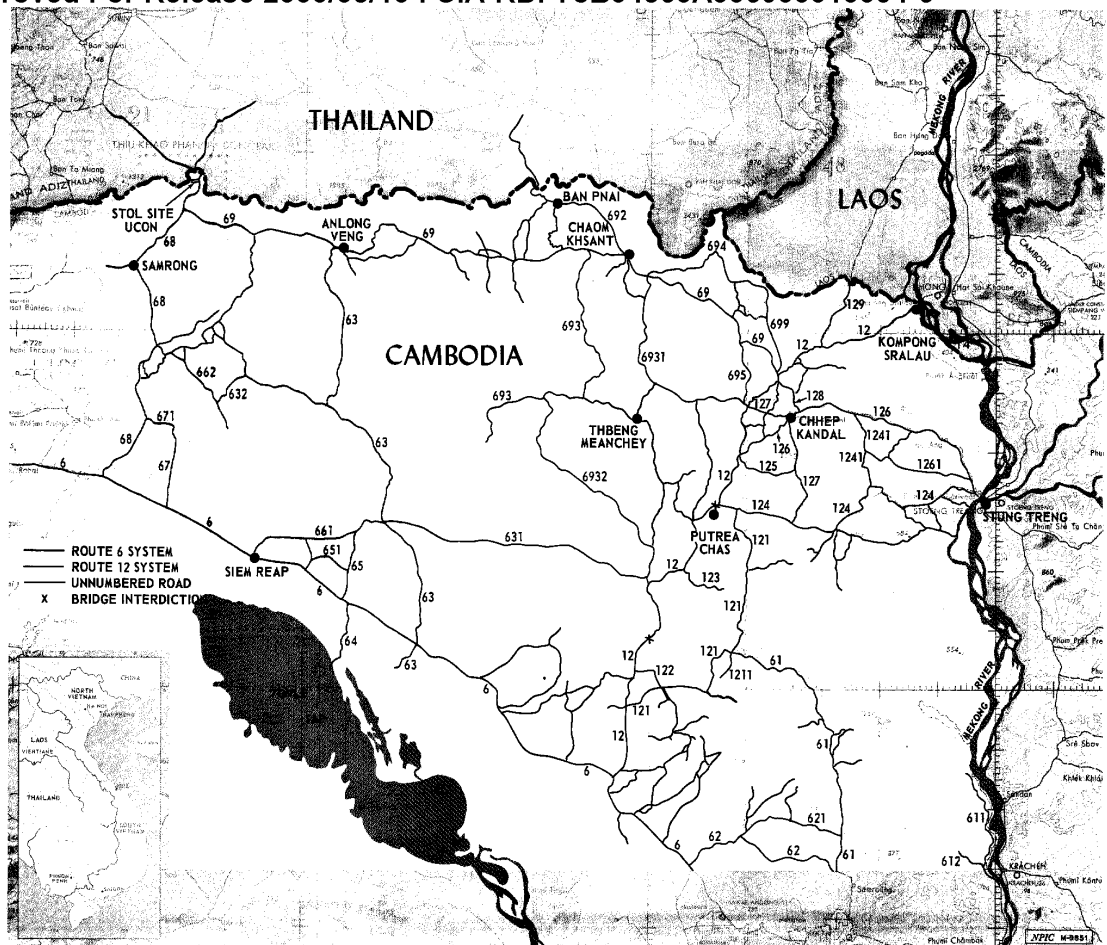


FIGURE 1. ROAD NETWORK, NORTH-CENTRAL CAMBODIA

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MAP OR CHARTS

USAF. Series JOG(A), Sheets ND 48-6, ND 48-7, ND 48-10, ND 48-11, ND 48-14, ND 48-15, scale 1:250,000 (UNCLASSIFIED)

USARPAC. Index to Route Designation, Map 5, Sheet 184, Dec 68, scale 1:600,000 (UNCLASSIFIED)

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